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Ready, aim, fire: "Soldiers" with the Military Re-enactment Society of Canada load their muskets in preparation for a mock battle on Saturday afternoon as part of the Highland

Games festivities. The history buffs set up a realistic camp at the park with their families, cooking over a fire and dressing in period costumes. More Highland Games pictures on page 17.

Lakefront properties take brunt of AVA impact

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

As local clerk-treasurers look over the reams of assessment data that's been provided to them over the past few weeks, it seems that all the predictions about tax shifts will come to fruition.

"Waterfront properties are hard hit," says Snowdon clerk-treasurer Ernie Hills, who says that many waterfront properties – those on lakes moreso than those on rivers – will see tax increases of 35 to 60% simply from an increase in assessment. There will also be increases due to municipal budget changes.

It's worse in small municipalities such as Snowdon because of the small commercial and industrial base to help share the tax shift load, he says.

He worries whether cottage owners will have the ability to pay the larger amount, let alone the willingness.

At a recent South Lake property owners association, he was told "we're only here on a seasonal basis, we're big players in the local economy, but we live somewhere else, where we're also being hit."

"There is still so much trouble in the economy, this impact will dampen it all down," Hills predicts.

And if this year's increases are bad for some, he worries about next year, when many of the one-time provincial grants to cover the impact of service downloading are no longer offered.

But with one group of property owners seeing an increase, it means others will see a

decrease, likely those with rural residential properties.

In Dysart et al's Ward II, which includes a lot of seasonal residences, 1,311 properties will see a property tax increase totalling \$227,000, Reeve Murray Fearrey said at Saturday night's annual general meeting of the Lake Kashagawigamog

Organization. Most increases will be under \$100, yet those with waterfront properties valued at \$120,000 will likely see their taxes go up \$300.

However, 1,575 people will see their taxes go down a total of \$198,000.

To get an idea of what their

See **Lakefront** page 4



Moose spotted on Haliburton's main street: Artist Gailon Valleu of Donald surveys her handiwork on the wall of a building in The Village Square. She was commissioned by Larry VanLieshout to do a landscape mural as part of vanLieshout Realty's recent improvements to the main street courtyard. The 27' by 10' mural took her three weeks to complete.

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Pipe band practice is on the move

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It seems that last week's article on the Drag Lake Property Owner's Association has created some confusion over the association's stand on the Dombind issue. The article rightly states that the association will send a letter to council to try to prevent the use of Dombind on Drag Lake roads adjacent to bodies of water. President Terry Buchkowsky would like to stress that the association is not against the use of Dombind on other roads.

Rob McGrath was in and out of prison before "I cried out to a God I didn't know but believed." On July 19, he will be bringing his message of how his cry was answered to Lakeside Baptist Church in Haliburton. Speaking at both the 9:15 and 11 a.m., The Waves of Glory pastor will talk about how he transformed a life of

neglect and anger into one of helping the poor and disenfranchised at his church mission in British Columbia. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The CNIB's 1999 Lottery Calendars are now on sale so you can keep all your important dates straight and have the

here, there & everywhere news and events worth noting

chance to win prizes. The calendars, which double as a raffle ticket, are \$20 each. There are 1,250 chances throughout the year to win a share of \$80,000 in cash prizes. Calendars are available from contacting the CNIB office at 236 King St., Peterborough, K9J 7L8, 705-745-6918, or any Royal Bank. Ron Barr in Gooderham, 447-3092, will also have some.

On July 18, Petroglyphs Provincial Park invites you to take a hike along its extensive trail system. A guided, two-and-a-half hour hike begins at 2 p.m. to allow staff to introduce you to some of the unique features of wetlands and how important they are. Since the guided hike will be limited to 25 participants, people are asked to pre-register by calling 705-877-

2552.

The Bobcaygeon Lions and Lionesses present their Mid-Summer Arts and Craft Show on Sat., Aug 1 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Bobcaygeon Curling Club. For information call Wally MacKinnon at 705-738-6190 or Lorraine Ashby at

door craft and entertainment festivals, with more than 110 vendors. For more information contact the Gravenhurst Chamber of Commerce at 705-687-4432.

Rural youth can use the Internet to get started on their career path. The Rural Youth Employment Network is funded by the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and by TDG

Interactive, agriCareers, Bestard Agricultural Placements and the Ontario 4-H Club. The program will be launched during the 4-H Council's CareerMania at the University of Guelph on July 23 and 24. Using the latest in Internet tools, the RYEN project allows individuals to develop and update their resume with an online resume builder, participate in online discussion forums, ask questions and share ideas with their peers. Potential employers and agencies are encouraged to submit job and volunteer position descriptions to this searchable database, which doubles as a job matching and referral tool. For more information, contact David Johnston at 512 Woolwich St., Suite 200, Guelph, Ont., N1H 3X7, (519) 821-5787 ext 267, or e-mail <david@tdg.ca>.

HIGHLAND GAMES DANCE WINNERS

Trophies are presented at Saturday's competition

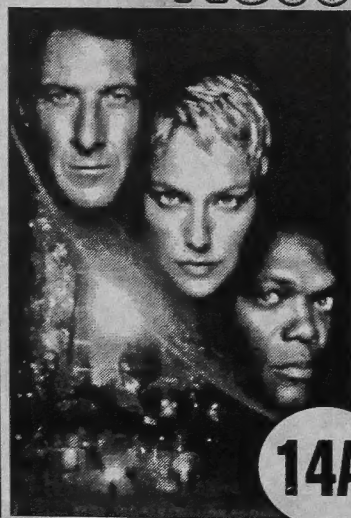
The following are the trophy winners of the Haliburton Highland Games Dance competition:

Beginners, 8 yrs. & under: Lauren Bennett of Pickering; Beginners, 18 yrs. & under: Shawna Barrett of Lindsay; Beginners, 11 yrs.: Oana Tananescu of Cobourg; Beginners, 12 yrs. & over: Kendra McHale of Manilla; Novice, 9 yrs. & under: Jennifer Bays of Whitby; Novice, 11 yrs. & under: Kendall Cameron of Pickering; Novice, 12 yrs. & over:

Katrina Alton of Hawkestone; Beginner, Novice Dancer of the Day: Katrina Alton; Intermediate, 10 yr. & under: Kristen Gordon of Ajax; Intermediate, 12 yr. & under: Bronwen Payer of Arnprior; Intermediate, 13 yr. & over: Jennifer Anthony of Milton; Intermediate Dancer of the Day (trophy sponsored by Jock and Betty Mavor): Kristen Gordon; Premier, 12 yrs. & under A: Georgina Muir of Stouffville; Premier, 12 yrs. & under B: Victoria Charlebois,

Pettawawa; Premier, 14 yrs. & under: Briar Macklin of Cobourg; Premier, 16 yrs. & under: Kelly Woodbury of North Bay; Premier, 17 yrs. & over: Heidi Douglas of Bowmanville; Premier Dancer of the Day (trophy sponsored by Bill and Ginger Kulas in memory of Frank McIntyre): Georgina Muir; Haliburton County Dancer of the Day (aggregate trophy sponsored by Haliburton Lumber): Breanne Mansfield.

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Ontario Hydro may be immune from the Millennium Bug, but not computer hassles

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Ontario Hydro has seen the future – and knows it's will be chaotic.

Realizing it was going to have a problem with "the millennium bug" and increased competition from de-regulation, the public utility decided to totally revamp its computerized billing system.

One goal was to avoid being stricken by the "bug," which is a computer's inability to realize that when the clock strikes midnight on December 31, 1999, the next year is 2000, not 1900. (Most computer programs read the year only by the last two digits, assuming the first two will always be 19.)

"Our previous billing system wasn't year 2000 compatible," says an Ontario Hydro media spokesman, "and with one million customers, we required a system that works in the year 2000."

The other goal was to give consumers more flexibility with billing options. With more competition from de-regulation, an Ontario Hydro media spokesman says, "consumers will ask for more services and products and we're trying to be flexible."

And so, Ontario Hydro came up with a new software system that is programmed not to fail on January 1, 2000 and gives consumers more choices on how and when they'd like to pay their bill.

However, as any business which has introduced new software knows, "because it's new it's having teething problems."

Norma Goodger was gnawing her teeth in frustration as she repeatedly tried to get through to Hydro's customer service department. Normally, she pays \$42 a month on a pre-authorized payment plan to keep her Kushog Lake cottage in heat and light. Her first bill under Hydro's new system – which also includes a "new look" on the bill – came in at \$147.

It took several tries for her to get through on Hydro's advertised toll-free number.

Told about the computer problems, Goodger was reassured she could disregard the bill. A week later, however, another bill came in, but it said her meter had just been read and she knows it's read once a year in August. She phoned again.

The next week, another bill came telling her to disregard the first two bills. All in all, she received three bills in three weeks for one cottage, and she doesn't think she'll be the only cottager with a problem.

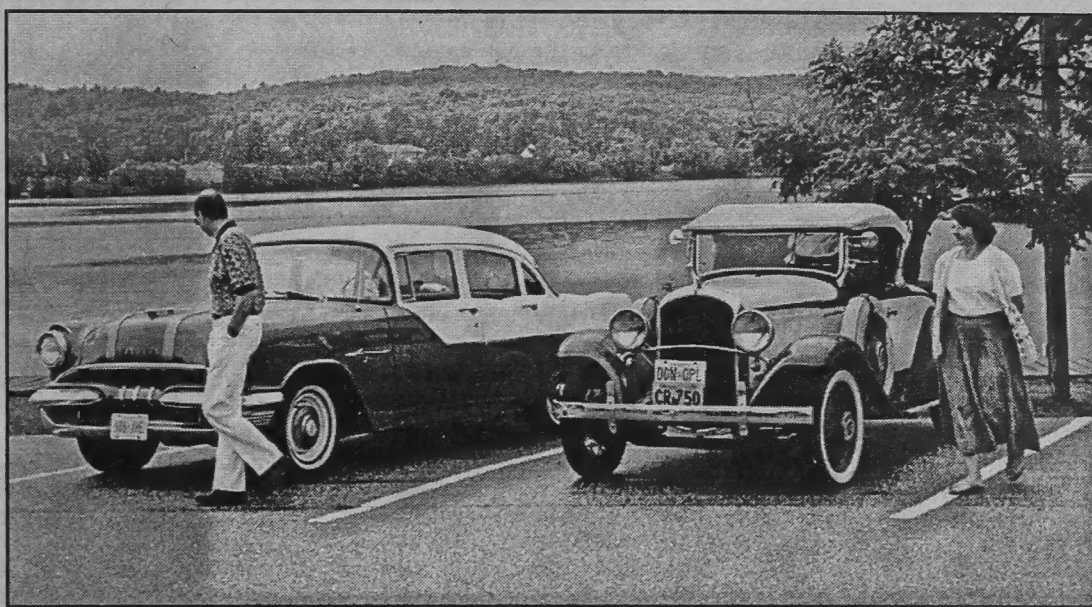
"These bills just don't make any sense," says Goodger, who's an accountant with Kids Can Press and who fortunately works on a Macintosh, which is immune to the millennium bug. (She notes that she's had to sign affidavits from banks and suppliers saying that Kids Can Press will not have any problems fulfilling its obligations on January 1, 2000.)

The Hydro spokesman says the company hired more staff and increased the hours of the customer service department because it was expecting confusion over the new bills, even though Hydro had sent out letters explaining the changes in both the billing options and the way the bill looks.

"All of (these changes) are coming together at the same time and because it's new and different, people are phoning in," he said. If the bill is wrong, and not simply confusing to understand, "we will certainly change it."

Although it may be causing confusion now, it's better that Hydro is giving itself 18 months to work out all the kinks before the millennium bug strikes, he says. "You can't wait until the year 2000 to see what happens."

And once the system is up and running correctly, he doesn't expect there to be any more computer date glitches until, let's say, the year 10,000.



Aging gracefully

Every Thursday night, members of Haliburton County Time Travellers gather to talk cars and of course, show off a little. The vintage car buffs alternate between Minden and Haliburton, and last Thursday, it was Haliburton's turn. Above, passersby admire Lynette Elstone's '55 Pontiac and Don Crowe's '31 Plymouth Roadster. At right, Don Crowe, Grant Rae and Roy Burk discuss the plans for the night.

New boating regulations come in the wake of anger over PWCs

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

What are the biggest problems on our lakes this summer?

"Personal watercraft, personal watercraft, personal watercraft," OPP Marine Co-ordinator, Sgt. Brad Schlorff told the Lake Kashagawigamog Organization on Saturday night. "It's the number one thing people complain about across the province."

If people aren't complaining about PWCs' speed, they're complaining about the noise, he told the sympathetic audience of 100 at the PineStone.

New changes to boating regulations will help improve the situation, he said. Within the next three years, no one younger than 16 will be allowed to operate a PWC, "period, full stop, not even with Dad riding on the back."

As well, every PWC operator older than 16 will need to have a operator proficiency card.

This card, which Schlorff said is specifically not being called a licence because of the association with fees, will also be mandatory for most boat operators. The exception are people presently older than 55, who will be "grandfathered" out of the regulation.

Anyone younger than 12 can operate any vessel without a motor, and before the age 16, there are restrictions on the size of motor they can operate on their own. A nine-year-old can operate an 80-hp boat as long as there's an adult with him or her; if that child's alone, it's illegal. Younger than 16, they can operate a boat with a 15 hp or smaller motor on their own.

The card system will be managed by groups such as the Power Squadron, which will also provide the necessary training. If you can prove you've taken a water safety course any time in your life – for instance, at Boy Scout camp – you don't need to take the training.

Although there are many new

rules, "it's not as bad as a lot of people have tried to believe," Schlorff said.

He also noted that while it may seem Ontario has a lot of boating problems – 60 of the 200 boating deaths in Canada last year took place in this province – it may be attributed to the large number of boats on our waterways. There are an estimated 1.4-million vessels in Ontario, even though only 750,000 registered. Michigan, "which regulates everything that floats," has 928,000 vessels, the highest of any U.S. state.

Most boating accidents are not accidents: they could have been prevented. "Some people don't know rudimentary, simple things such as when it's really windy, don't go out in a 12-foot boat with seven friends and a case of beer."

Ninety percent of the people killed were not wearing life jackets, even though most of them couldn't swim. In 40% of the cases, alcohol was a factor.

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Lakefront properties take biggest tax hit now that AVA in place

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property bills, expected to be mailed out later this month, will say, Fearrey said Dysart residential property owners should take their assessment and multiply it by 0.0095. In other words, a residential property worth \$100,000 will pay \$950. That same property, if zoned commercial, will pay \$2,400.

He noted after the meeting that despite the increases, "the bottom line is taxes are still lower here than anywhere else in cottage country in Ontario."

With all the downloading of services, and the province's demand that municipalities cut budgets by 1.7% in order to qualify for grants to cover most of the new costs in the first year, Dysart is struggling to hold the line on its own budget this year. Fearrey believes the municipality will be successful (but that doesn't mean taxes won't go up because of the county or education levy.)

Those grants, while appreciated this year, might not be available next year, when municipalities are hit with the full brunt of new responsibilities.

As well, since there have been so many unknowns, the tax bill people receive this summer might be easier to swallow than the final bill, which will have all costs factored in.

Fearrey stressed that if people's taxes go up because of an increase in assessment, and

they disagree with the assessment, they should take their complaints to the assessment office, not their municipal office. Only four percent of property owners in this region have filed an appeal, which surprised both Fearrey and a cottager who's very much involved with a ratepayers association back in the city. This man said "anyone with doubts (about their assessed value) should spend the \$20, write a two-line letter and appeal your assessment. If you're within reason, you'll get your \$20 back and then some."

"There are errors (in assessment)," Fearrey agreed. "Since lakefront properties are taking the brunt, I'd look at your assessment carefully."

Province picks up costs of damage caused by spring flooding

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Area municipalities will get a total of \$600,000 to cover most of the costs incurred by the heavy spring flooding, and that will reduce the damage to property owners' tax bills later this summer.

"It means we can save increasing the levy by \$150,000," says Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey.

Dysart spent \$170,000 to fix roads and bridges which were damaged by the flooding, which



"OUR LAST HURRAH":

From July 10 to 25, Joan and Peter Hoad will be exhibiting their work at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden. Joan is a watercolour painter, who gets much inspiration from her beautiful Grass Lake garden. Peter is a sculptor, whose whimsical frogs and sleek bears capture the eye as well as the spirit. Both have studied at the School of Fine Arts and until last year, their Haliburton home was a popular stop on the annual Studio Tour. Now getting close to a true retirement, they look forward to sharing their work, perhaps for the last time in such a public forum, with visitors to the gallery.

was much worse than normal as warm temperatures and rain caused the snow to melt quickly, overflowing river banks and carving trenches across roadways. It will receive \$151,927.

"The flooding this spring was particularly severe, resulting in unforeseen expenses for many municipalities," said MPP Chris Hodgson, making the announcement last week on behalf of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. "We have provided this funding to help them recover."

"It alleviates the pressure of a

natural disaster," agrees Snowdon clerk-treasurer Ernie Hills, who adds "we are very, very grateful" for the \$40,000 Snowdon will receive.

Other municipalities in Haliburton County receiving the special one-time funding are:

- Minden, \$77,500
- Cardiff, \$30,850
- Monmouth, \$13,062
- Glamorgan, \$6,017

As well, Somerville township in northern Victoria County, which was the hardest hit, especially in Burnt River where

houses had to be evacuated, will receive \$287,390.

"Wonderful, wonderful, wonderful," says Somerville Reeve Dianne Austin about the funding.

Most of the money will be used to upgrade roads so that damage can be minimized if flooding occurs again. "It means we'll be able to raise roads above flood level so it happens again we'll be able to get emergency vehicles through, which was my main concern last spring. We wouldn't have ever been able to consider doing it (without the funding.)"

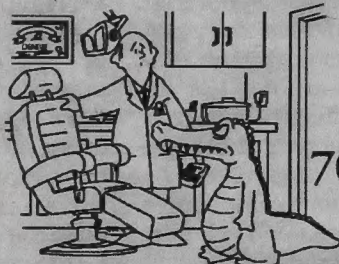
TSW re-opens after water let go

Due to the action taken during the high flow period, the Trent-Severn is now completely opened to the public. Due to the amount of precipitation, water levels have maintained their levels throughout the week. Although part of the Trent-Severn had to be closed down for a few days in order to run the water out, the water levels are now at their proper range, most at the higher end.

If weather permits, the waterway should remain at a constant level and flow rate throughout the week.

The Severn Rivers are all running near their normal summer flows.

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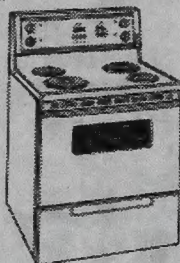


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Shuttle bus could be solution to student isolation

■ Youth development committee survey finds transportation at the centre of local youths' discontent

DIANNE CHOMA

Staff Reporter.

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the Strategic Planning Hub Committee meeting July 10 in Minden.

If the high school's late bus route is ever cancelled by the school board as a cost-cutting measure, transportation will be a major hurdle for local youth who want to take part in activities outside of school hours.

The youth development committee's recent survey of county students from Grades 7 to O.A.C. indicates that students in small communities feel distanced from recreational facilities and require some mode of transportation to become involved in local activities.

Student discontent is part of the impetus behind a new shuttle bus service that is being organized to transport people around the county for a fee.

Marilyn Pennycook of the transportation committee said the bus would be of great service not only to students, but to seniors and seasonal residents as well, who often lack their own means of transportation.

The committee is in the process of setting up a toll-free phone number for the service and will consider creating Internet sites where people can put in their requests for rides.

"We're at the brink of pulling transportation together," said Pennycook. "The money is there."

Big business

A new wood paneling business in the county could mean 140 new jobs and an \$80 million investment in the local economy, Haliburton County Development Corporation manager Andy Campbell said.

Greg Brown has approached the HCDC about starting up a company called Multi-board Fibre Products in the county to

produce specialty wood paneling.

Brown is in the process of preparing a business plan for the company, which could be complete by August.

Logging of maple trees needed for the panels would occur in Parry Sound, Algonquin Park and north of Bancroft.

Campbell said the economic diversity committee is also looking into having the county assessed by a natural gas company to determine the feasibility of supplying natural gas in the county.

County marketing

The county has got to get it act together if it wants to expand and develop, said members of the marketing committee.

"The county hasn't really established a vision," said committee member Diana Ferguson. "The marketing group doesn't really have anything to market."

Committee member Stu Brandon outlined the major areas the committee will focus on when it develops its marketing plan and budget this fall: retiree growth, culture, forestry and ecology, business development, information technology and tourism.

But Brandon said there are a few obstacles that must be overcome before the county can market its resources.

The county needs an economic development office, where prospective business owners can go to get information on relocating here, he said.

In order to provide a central repository for that information, an inventory would have to be made of the county's services and resources.

Second, Brandon said the county needs to standardize its zoning and land-use requirements across its 10 municipalities to make it easier for businesses to develop here.

Brandon also suggested that

the county's two levels of government be amalgamated to lower local tax rates, which could in turn attract new businesses.

Hospital funding

Now that renovations to Haliburton Hospital have gone to tender, it is time to do some

serious fundraising, said Foster Loucks, Haliburton Highlands Health Services executive director.

"I think now that it's out to tender, we can begin to assure people that it is going to happen with certainty."

Loucks said it will be difficult to raise the \$19-million needed to upgrade the county's health

care system in a time when so many local organizations are in need of donations.

"The health sector is going to have to be the loudest kid on the block," he said.

Loucks said the health committee will also look at new ways to development and integrate the county's currently dispersed treatment facilities.

Company scams money through newspapers

The following article first appeared in The Publisher, a publication of the Canadian Community Newspaper Association, of which the Echo is a member.

Newspapers are always wary of classified advertising from companies selling employment directories, but the latest classified ad scam has caught the attention of the RCMP in Vancouver.

Classified ads titled, "Homeworkers needed in your area" are scamming not only the people who respond to them, but also the newspapers they're placed in.

The ads read, "Earn extra income working from home, full or part-time. For free information, please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to First Capital Promotions, 4609 Kingsway, Suite 450, Burnaby, B.C. V5H 4L3."

First Capital Promotions is currently the subject of a fraud investigation by Vancouver police.

Believed to be operating

under about 15 different aliases – most of which are thought to be names of previous victims – the company is allegedly using the information provided on their "employment application" to obtain new photo driver's licences in B.C.

When people respond to the ad, they receive the phony employment application which asks for such personal information as your date of birth, Social Insurance Number and driver's licence number.

According to information received by OCNA, once a new photo driver's licence has been obtained unlawfully, new bank accounts are opened and credit is applied for using the unsuspecting victim's credit rating.

It is under these false identifications that the company places its classified advertising in newspapers. The paper may receive a cheque or credit card number in advance, but the account will turn out to be closed. By this time, the ad has already run in the paper at least once.

Laraine Hall of the Ontario Community Newspapers Association says, "We know that at least 30 newspapers in Ontario have run these ads and have had the cheques returned 'Account Closed' or 'NSF'. The individuals who have placed the ads are then impossible to locate for reimbursement."

"Newspapers are being ripped off anywhere from \$60 to \$600," Hall adds. Aliases used by First Capital Promotions are: Roberta Krawchuck, Vanessa Benson, Dawn Marie Bonakowski, Tammy Jean Bonakowski, Tracey Lee Bilkin, Julie Deroches, Melody Ellis, Michelle Goulden, Danalee Jones, Bonnie Weiss, Kimberly Wickweir, Bruce Dale Danielson, Neil Hudi, Alphonse Doust Shane, Reneaud, Dean Maxwell Medland.

Anyone who has made contact with First Capital Promotions or any person using any of the aliases listed is asked to contact Hamilton RCMP at (905) 572-2401, or the OCNA office at (905) 639-8720.

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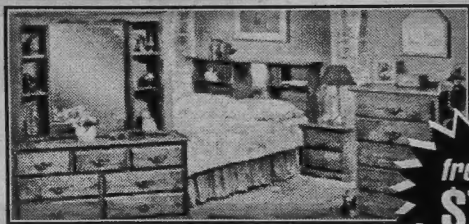
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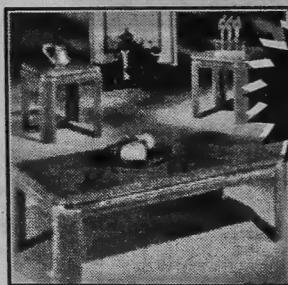
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Pic of the Past

AT THIS TIME OF YEAR, *The Echo* often runs a Pic of the Past highlighting a Twelfth of July parade in days gone by. Like all other photos in this weekly feature, it's a nostalgic look at what Highlands life used to be like. People usually think the man on his horse, the flowing banners, the crowds on the street are a quaint reminder of the days when everyone turned out for any occasion even slightly different than the usual routine.

But this year, it would be difficult to recall the parades which wended their way through Highlands' streets without bringing to mind the three young Catholic brothers who burned to death after their house in Ulster was fire bombed, presumably by Protestant hardliners protesting their brethren's inability to march through a Catholic neighbourhood many miles away. Such a Pic of the Past wouldn't be quaint; it would be disrespectful to those brothers, who died simply because they were Catholic.

echo
editorial

martha perkins

And there's the rub: we have to remember that a quaint old tradition in Haliburton shares the roots of the same event which still leads to bloodshed in Ireland today. The July 12

parade celebrates the Protestant king's victory over the Catholics in the Battle of the Boyne, 1680. The man on the white horse represents King Billy, whose known more for his religious denomination than anything else he might have achieved during his reign.

For most people, celebrating July 12 was an innocent pastime enjoyed more for its social than historical value. Not many special events took place in the Highlands, which because of the state of the roads, was very much isolated and on its own as far as creating entertainment was concerned.

The late Creighton Feir, who used to own the *Echo* and was our advertising manager until his death in 1993, once told us the story of a July 12 parade in Haliburton village. He was allowed to carry the banner, which he thought was great fun. The parade ended at the ball park, where there were several speakers brought in to herald the occasion. One such speaker, a man from away, was so virulently anti-Catholic in his remarks that Creighton put down the banner and left, never to take part in a parade again.

Just like a fire which needs oxygen to continue burning, however, the hatred which fueled the July 12 celebration was snuffed out because there was nothing left to fan the flames. When the first settlers arrived here from Ireland and England, they might have brought the tradition of the July 12 parade with them, but in the new world, a battle 200 years prior was more easily able to fade into insignificance. Sure, there were Orange Lodges in every town in the Highlands, but by and large, they became social, benevolent organizations. Twenty years ago, all the Haliburton Husky hockey players wore orange jerseys because the teams were sponsored by the Orange Lodge. The religious origins of the Orange Lodge were firmly cast aside in 1981 when the Haliburton Lodge invited the parishioners of St. Anthony's Catholic Church to use their hall for weekly bingo fundraisers while the Catholic church was being rebuilt. Today, the Orange Lodge almost ceases to exist; its time is past, just as the July 12 parades replaced the Calithumpian parades, another tradition brought to the Highlands by new settlers.

We must never judge the past through the eyes of the present, but that said, we'll take a miss this year on a July 12 parade Pic of the Past.

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Girls from the 1812 encampment enjoy age-old pasttime

by Martha Perkins

letters to the editor

Education changes take their toll

To the Editor:

It is hard to believe that just after closing the book of the 97-98 academic year, the mud slinging over the controversial Bill 160 has already begun for next year. I am referring to last week's cover story: "Students fight to retain after school sports", where student John Craig expresses his view that "the teachers are using the cancellation of sports as a ploy to generate anger among parents" and "I don't see how they can cancel sports and call themselves educators".

Let's take a moment to consider the facts: Teachers operate in overdrive during their entire teaching day. Most arrive around 8 a.m. and scurry around making copies, finishing lesson plans, submitting announcements, reviewing attendance, setting up their room and cramming a few final facts for their formal lessons. At lunch, they inhale a sandwich while attending a student progress team meeting, supervising lunch rooms, opening technical facilities, and attending to play practice, intramural sports, etc..

Up until now, teachers had the advantage of a 72-minute preparation period. This is a time to do some serious planning, develop curriculum and delivery strategies, do physical maintenance on school equipment, order materials and supplies, evaluate assignments and

complete accurate records, and often fill in for their colleagues who are out supervising various sporting events.

When not coaching after school, teachers make parental contacts, and spend a couple of hours tying up loose ends from the day. Despite the active day, most teachers take a box of assignments or tests home to mark during the evening hours.

Scurrying around, making the most efficient use of time allows teachers to volunteer a section of time after school for extra-curricular activities. If this adds so much to the workload of a teaching day, why do so many teachers across Ontario choose to do it? Quite simply, because they like it. They enjoy the satisfaction of students enjoying themselves. They enjoy celebrating the students' great (and sometimes not-so-great) achievements. They enjoy watching students grow from their valuable experiences. They understand that they are making a valuable contribution to the school community, as well as the community at large.

Subtract 72 minutes of preparation time, add another class which will require additional preparation time, subtract the ability to fill in for travelling coaches, and what do you get? A block of time after school that is now committed to performing the daily tasks which are outlined in all teachers' job descriptions. That is, assuming

you will allow these folks to have a few hours in the evening at home to spend with their families. There are only so many hours in a day.

The truth is, that Premier Harris' corporate agenda has taken its toll on our small community, as well as every other community across the province. They need to tabulate, with dollars and cents, a fiscal "bottom line" as demanded by a minority of powerful Bay Street elites. But how do you put a dollar value on Ontario's students growing socially, intellectually, emotionally and physically from the rich offering of extra-curricular activities offered in Ontario's schools?

Rob Stonehouse,
Teacher, HHSS

your letters

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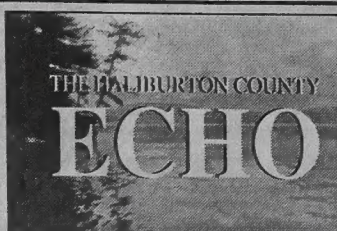
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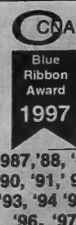
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10 years is a decade

SOMEbody ASKED ME if I knew what I was doing ten years ago and I had to reply with a smile, that yes indeed, I remembered it well. I was getting ready to have my first baby and having just seen some friends with their new baby, it brought back a flood of memories.

First babies are funny little things. You swear that by the time you and your loved one decide to plunge into the world of parenting you are ready. You've thought it out, you've made the decision, you've read the books, you are prepared. Wrong! I don't think anyone is ever prepared no matter how hard they try. You think you have nine months to do all that needs doing, learn all you need to know, but the birth of that first baby is just the tip of the iceberg. If I had known some of the things I know now, I think I would have elected to stay pregnant forever, rather than give birth and actually look after another human

being. And anyone who has ever been pregnant knows what a drastic statement that is!

It has been ten years since my little "wee sausage" came squalling into the world. When I think back on the birth itself, I cringe. Not from the memory of agony but from the embarrassment of how little I did know.

It really is true that people can block out bad memories and keep only their pleasant thoughts. If it wasn't, every baby born would be an only child. No sooner is the

child here than the plethora of decisions to be made about, and for, this little helpless being fall on the two people who are still most stunned. Aaaaagggggg! You go from thinking that the baby is never going to be born to what seems to be a high speed version of your life.

And the worst part for new parents is they are usually so sleep deprived they don't know their own name let alone what to call the thing that cries every two hours. Tempers flair, tears are shed, panic turns to laughter edged with hysteria. Those first few weeks with a first baby can never be duplicated. Thank Heavens!

People try to help in this transitional phase and in so doing, often bring the novice parents to new heights of anxiety. Everyone seems to have an opinion on how to do something and none of them seem to agree with your own idea. In the insecurity of this new situation, you begin to feel totally inadequate, and that you know absolutely nothing and that you are a total failure as a parent, and nobody ever said it was going to be like this and WHAT HAVE WE DONE TO OUR LIFE!

Ooops, I guess I remember more than I thought.

All of these feelings seem to abate somewhat once the parents start getting some semblance of sleep. You don't feel quite so sick to your stomach and fuzzy all of the time and you actually begin to enjoy the coos and gurgle of your new friend. You think that life has resumed to a more normal pattern, albeit different than it was before baby. All goes along smoothly until BOOM, croup or chicken pox or worse! Without realizing it, you have fallen in love with that same little gremlin who earlier had disrupted your life. You would do anything to keep him from harm and I mean ANYTHING. It is a heady, powerful and frightening feeling to know that one little being can change you into a ferocious and undaunted protector.

Along with childhood illnesses, you have to learn cope with hurt feelings, temper tantrums, time outs, the dreaded "I hate you", willfulness, first days of school, "nobody likes me", skinned knees, etc, etc, etc. I sometimes think that becoming a parent afflicts you with a permanent condition called "heart-in-mouth". The simple diagnosis is that you want the best for your child and by that I don't mean the material bests. You want them to be healthy, happy, and always yours.

In the ten years since I had my first child, I would like to think that I have learned a lot, probably more than he has. But I don't think it is ever enough. It is a day-to-day, continual learning curve that takes constant upgrading, trouble-shooting and reinforcement. I would like to think I have got more confidence and am better able to handle things that are thrown at me. That is until the next decade starts and whole new host of anxiety and situations come our way.

When all of these thoughts become too overwhelming for me, I choose to think back to that day ten years ago when my life changed forever, when my wee sausage grabbed my finger as if to say "if we hang on, we'll get through it all together".

Community Living selling tickets by phone

To the Editor:

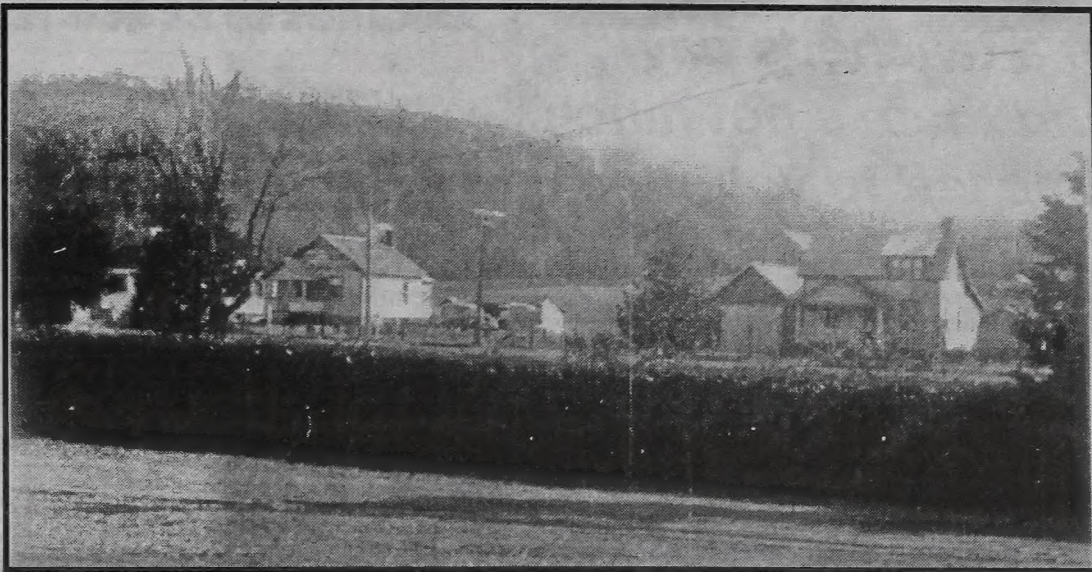
The Haliburton County Association for Community Living, in partnership with the Victoria Association and Peterborough Association, has hired M.J.R. Associates to put on a Family Variety Show, on August 16, at Show Place in Peterborough. Tickets are being

sold over the telephone.

Part of the proceeds will go towards supporting services that we provide to people who have an intellectual disability.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call our office at 457-2626.

Cheryl Curry,
Executive Director,
HCACL



pic of the past

THIS SATURDAY, the Minden Home and Garden Tour will once again entice people to visit some of the most historically and architecturally interesting homes in the Highlands. In County Life, we have a story about one of the homes on the tour, the "old Phillips house" on North Water Street in

Minden. John Stouffer, a retired teacher who lives in Haliburton, spent his childhood in that house. This is a picture taken from the front yard, circa 1943, and shows the South Water streetscape. Our thanks to him for sharing the photo with us.

Time to take back our schools

CONTROVERSIAL issues often make for juicy journalism. Conflicting points of view, outrageous assertions and the occasional heated exchange between dug-in partisans on each side can provide an entertaining read. With a bit of luck however, people, myself included, also get educated in the process, a clearer understanding of the issues emerges, and we all begin to ponder the pros and cons and cool down until the next controversy comes along.

This is why, perhaps, the goings on in our local schools are so disappointing from a journalistic perspective. No controversial decisions have of late issued forth from the various components - teachers, boards, councils, committees etc. - that churn away in the bowels of our country's educational system. Transparently self serving and shortsighted ones? - I think so. At least one real stinker? - almost certainly, but, unfortunately, nothing worthy of bearing the adjective "controversial".

Not once, but several times in the past year, our students have been given a good pummeling by the very people we've entrusted their care to. Their rights to a normal year's worth of education (such as it is) were trampled on by last year's strike. Was anything gained by it? I hope so, because this fall, unless both sides smarten up, it's going to be deja vu all over again. Last year many of our kids got their exer-



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cise by walking up to two kilometers twice a day to make it to school and back. An opportunity for healthy exercise perhaps, but only if you consider dodging morning and evening traffic healthy. The money saved by cutting back on bus services no doubt contributed to the \$27,000 recently showered on a consultant who could only restate the obvious by recommending that our interim director of education stay on in her position. Now our board is considering canceling late school buses under a policy that supposedly treats all schools equally. The reality is, of course, that most students of city schools will be able to walk the few blocks home, while any rural student who would like to stay for after school activities will either have to catch the regular bus or - do what? - hitchhike??

For a lot of us, however, the decision to cancel extramural sports events for next year should bring a tarnished gold medal in the Dysfunctional Bureaucracy

category to its participants, whoever they may be. School sports are among the few enjoyable organized activities available to all the kids of Haliburton County. They teach teamwork, build up confidence, provide an outlet for energy and provide an alternative to hanging out on the streets. Competing against other schools provides the impetus that produces outstanding athletes and potential Olympic material.

This year Kate Campbell became the first student in the history of our high school to win gold at the Ontario finals. Well, perhaps it's time to move out of the county, Kate, because you're not going to have that chance next year.

All of the above demonstrate, in my humble opinion, a callous disregard for the rights of our students and an abrogation of responsibility on the part of teachers and bureaucrats alike. Perhaps we should add a new element - ourselves! - to the decision making process. Students and their parents have the power to start making their voices heard if they so wish. They can form their own union, go on strike if necessary, picket the schools, prevent buses from entering or leaving, in short raise enough of a ruckus that their wishes and concerns will be listened to. Is anyone interested?

It's time that the citizens of Haliburton County take back our schools.

Boonieville by Charlie Teljeur



Take 76 minutes out of a teacher's day and there's not much time left to volunteer

To the Editor:

As a high school teacher and coach I was saddened by the decision of COSSA to cancel sport competition in the coming year. Coaches coach for many reasons, but mostly for the pleasure of sharing something we love with a group of dedicated and enthusiastic young people.

But as I took a closer look at what my day will look like in September, I came to grips with reality. I will probably teach four out of four periods – no prep time. The government's decision of seven out of eight periods in a day doesn't fit neatly into our semestered system. Not only was 76 minutes removed, it was filled with a group of students – more prep and marking required. I estimate at least 10 - 15 hours have been added to my work week.

The government did not legislate more hours in a week so where does the time come from? From my children at home? Do I give up two hours of sleep each night? Or do I give up my volunteer commitments? A tough choice that gets easier on close inspection.

I thought the government cuts hurt, but John Craig's comments in last week's *Echo* cut deeper.

Sharon Dibblee,
HHSS Teacher,
Volunteer Coach (when time permits)

Dombind is nothing to fear

To the Editor:

I am a graduate bio-chemist and a founding member of the Haliburton Field Naturalists and wish to clarify if possible, problems that many municipal councils have had to deal with concerning the road treatment material "Dombind".

Dombind is a natural bi-product of the pulping process. It is non-corrosive, water soluble, and an excellent fertilizer to boot. Although it contains some 20 to 40 parts per billion of furans and dioxins, it is not a toxic threat in any way. As a comparison, the effluent from decaying bogs that feed into our waterways contain at least an equal level of these toxins.

The claim that small quantities of Dombind that might leach into our waterways represent a danger to

aquatic life is patently ridiculous. Indeed, even ten gallons dumped into a moving water source would be rendered harmless in ten feet by dilution alone.

I am not suggesting that people shouldn't require expert and valid explanations of any such product but they must be guided by professionally obtained data. For example, the replacement for Dombind is calcium chloride, an extremely toxic, corrosive compound that is very environmentally unfriendly besides being both expensive and ineffective.

So, to all those councillors who must decide, I can only say, you have nothing to worry about and an excellent safe compound at hand.

H. Michael Collins,
Gooderham

A Union Jack at Scottish games?

To the Editor:

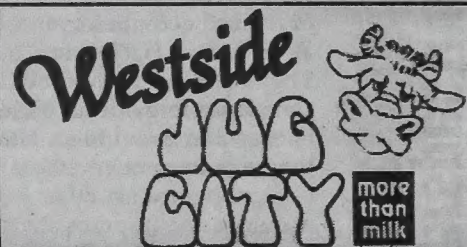
I was never so shocked in my life when I viewed the opening ceremonies at the Scottish Highland Games on Saturday morning.

A Union Jack in the parade. How could you?? Us Scots have been fighting those (expletive deleted) English for centuries. We beat their tails off at Bannockburn, just by luck they won a small battle at Culloden. Then they took away our kilts, bagpipes and traditions.

At the games I have attended in the States, they play

1. The Star Spangled Banner
 2. O Canada
 3. Scots Wha Hae (I bet Jock Mavor sure could sing it!!)
- Perhaps next year we can see the Lion Rampant or Saltire in the parade??

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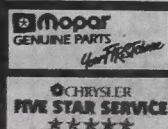
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Royals crown game with a 13-2 victory

by ROY BURK

On July 7 the National League baseball game was played without the threat of rain for the first time in a long time. The Village Donuts Cardinals were up against the Halco Electronics Royals. The Royals were at bat first and came on like gangbusters by going through their batting order. Bradford Burk, Mac Trueman and Ian Sachs all hit singles, while Danny VanNood and Adrian Martin worked a walk each. Jeff Burk pounded a double and the Royals had a substantial lead. Brandon VanNood started the hitting for the Cards, followed by Ryan Scheffee and Steve Miscio but that's where it ended.

Bradford hit a single in the second and got to second on an error. Mac drove him home on his hit and tried to score on throwing errors but was caught at home by a couple of good relay throws. Jeff worked a walk and Ian hit another single to score him. The top half ended on a strikeout and the Cards came to bat. Dallyn Smith got them going with a walk but was put on third by a good throw from the field after Kenton Winn hit a solid double. Brandon hit a single and the Cards had runners on the corners. A hard grounder by Ryan scored Kenton but Ryan was put out at first. Kailey Bateman

had a runner in scoring position and tried her best by hitting a smoking liner down the first base line. Danny VanNood took it in the stomach but held on to end the inning.

The Royals were still hot at bat in the third as they went through the batting order again.

Tyler Watson started it with a single, followed by Mitch Bateman, Bradford, Mac and Danny. Jeff hit his second double of the game and then Ian and Adrian hit singles to end it. The bottom half ended quickly for the Cards as they only got a hit from Steve and a walk from

Mark Johnston. A strikeout and two ground ball plays and the third inning was over.

The top half of the fourth was over quickly for the Royals because of two strikeouts and a good catch by Kailey as she put out her brother on a fly ball. Brandon walked to first for the

Cards and Ryan hit a single. Kailey worked a walk and the bass were loaded with no outs. Unfortunately, the next three batters struck out to end a come-back attempt.

The Royals walked away with a 13 to 2 victory.

Phillies sink the Pirates in Canadian League play

by BILL HUTSON

It was a long game for the Pirates as the Phillies' cannons were the only ones shooting in a 17 to 6 blast.

Phillies' pitching of Steve "Lady's Man" now turned pitcher, Andy Dawson and Jeremy Miscio, shut down the bats of the Pirates. Runs for the Phillies by Andy D. (3), Matt Roberts (3), Alex Judge (2), Jeremy Miscio (4), Adam Hutson (2), and Steve Lever (3), throughout the game, left the Pirate ship sinking. Coach Tose and assistant Larry Miscio never scored a run though but played outstandingly in field as a few players thought that since it was Tuesday night and rain would probably stop the game as it has many times this year.

The six runs for the Pirates were scored by Adrian Winn, Bobby Fletcher, Andy Sachs, Jeremy Hewson and Peter Lancia. Ryan Hutson filled in

catching for both teams for two innings playing well and fair for both teams. Coach Hutson attempted a bribe to Jeremy Miscio, Steve L. and Ryan H. to pretend they were the 1930 Chicago Cubs and throw the

game but - no go! They played their best.

Jordan Minor played well both in fielding and batting with a couple of strong hits, however, the Phillies' gloves got him on the bases.

The boys continue to have fun and enjoy the game of baseball.

If you still are thinking you might like to play, please inquire. We will still accept anyone interested.

Curling action heats up summer at the Haliburton arena on weekend

Hot time in the summer?

Well, there will be a unique way to cool off this weekend when the Haliburton Curling Club hosts a summer bonspiel.

Bonspiel? In July?

Obviously, many curling aficionados can't get enough, because 24 teams have already signed up for the competition, which begins on Friday night and ends Sunday afternoon (July 17 to 19.)

The action takes place at the Haliburton arena, where ice is being made to accommodate

Hockey Haven's summer camp. The Haliburton club's ice maker, Wayne De Jong, suggested that he could create a curling surface, complete with all the lines and circles, so curlers could fit in one weekend of their beloved sport before hockey and figure skating take over. (That ice will be scrapped off after the bonspiel ends Sunday so the hockey players don't start sweeping their way down the rink.)

For more information, please call Bob Johnston at 457-2100.

A Blairhampton golfer does it again on 8th hole

Another hole-in-one at Blairhampton

Blairhampton golfers seem to have all the luck.

For at least the third time this summer, a golfer at the Blairhampton Golf Course has had a hole-in-one.

This time the honour goes to Gary Wolff of West Hill, who was golfing with a friend at the par 3 eighth hole when he hit the perfect shot.

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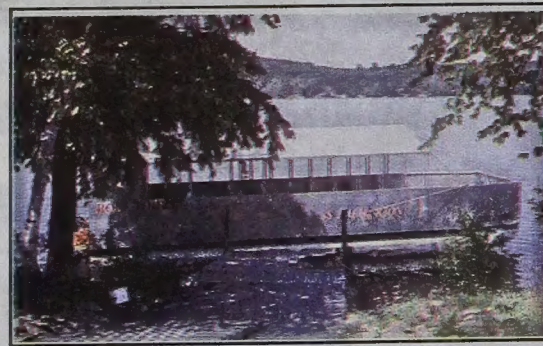


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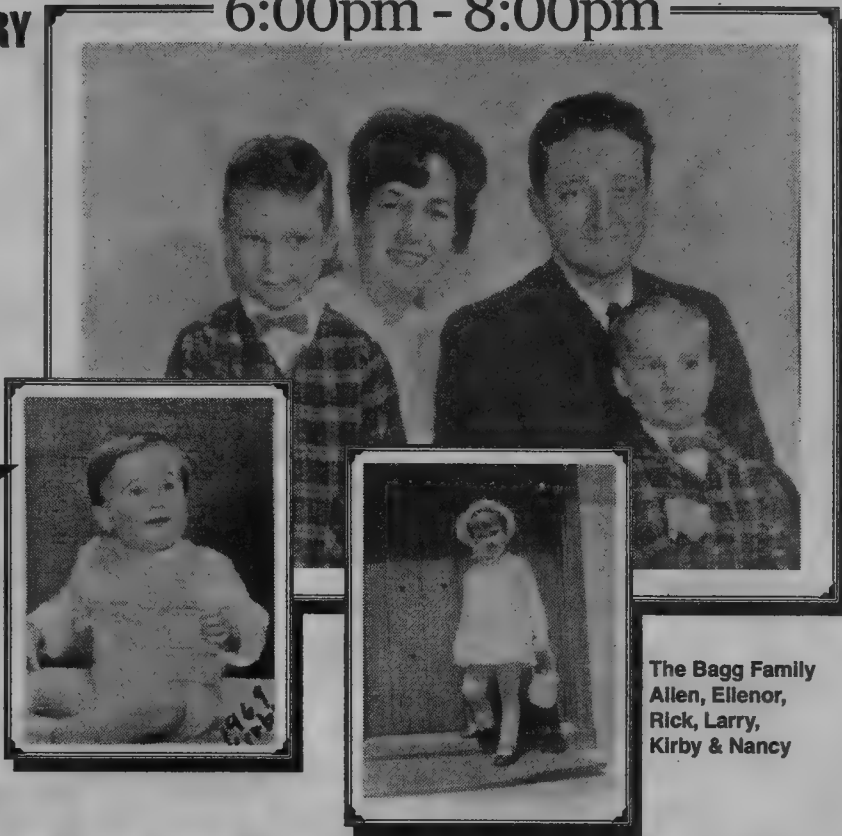
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Sincere thanks to everyone who gave their support, through prayers, gifts, conversation and good deeds, to our family during Mel's fatal bout with liver cancer.

It's difficult to express on paper the deep feelings of appreciation we truly feel. At the onslaught, Mel, Robin, Shane and I thought we could beat this "trial" of living. With the rally of friends and acquaintances through the business, we should have moved the earth! Thanks to the Carpenter families, Russ, Sharon and Kathy, Brad, Doug and JoAnne, Grant and Jan who helped us keep the business on track. A special thanks, with great pride, to Shane and Steve who jumped in there on the Monday when both Mel and Greg were hospitalized and carried on that day and others. Thanks to Mr. Brohman at the high school for understanding the depth of it all.

Thanks to Cindy, Ursula and Jody the day of my sugar quest. You should have seen Mel's face when he got the extra sugar for his tea at the hospital! We have always known that it was more than the 25 cent coffee that kept Mel going back! Thanks to Ray and Daisy for the perking up sessions in the hospital and at home. Thanks to Ron for Sunday morning support sessions and visits with Mel at home. I'm sorry we didn't get to try the new treatment you so kindly clipped from the paper and gave to us. The Doc in Peterborough may have prescribed it had Mel lived until Monday. Special thanks to Tommy Miscio who brightened Mel's bed-ridden days with lengthy telephone conversations. They were a God send!

Thanks to Spike and Irene for "being there" with visits and support through all of this. Thanks to Linda for your true friendship and support for the past 11 years. If and when we ever hear "Four!" or "Fore!" (I'm no golfer) from the sky we'll know those two "old codgers" are at it again! Thanks to Donna and Gord, our wonderful new neighbours: your ever caring ways are greatly appreciated. Thanks to Mom/Nana for your love and support when this was to be a celebration of Shane's graduation and a month's holiday in and around Ontario. Thanks to Nurse JoAnne and Paul at the I.D.A. for their professional advice on nutrition when Mel was unable to eat or drink the normal foods. He disliked hospital stays intensely. Thanks to Glenda, Gail, Bob and Cheryl for all the rushing around with the

paperwork. Special thanks to Ken, Gord, Harry and Lee for all your understanding, advice and support for all of us over the years.

My utmost gratitude to the Good Lord who placed such fine specimens of humanity on this earth - Chris, Logan, Chuck, Raymond and Greg, Christy and Kyla; I know that Shane and Robin may not have made it without you and without them, nor would I!

Thanks to Dr. Fiddler, Shirley and Terri: I'm glad that you were at the Minden Hospital the times Mel had to be in. Thanks to the 2nd Floor Ross Memorial Hospital nurses for your caring and support, especially to Merv, who kept Mel's spirits up when we couldn't be there.

Thanks to Barry and Kirsten for not getting upset when Robin and I aroused you late Saturday night. Also for the way in which you handled the entire funeral. Thanks to Rev. Peter Walford-Davis for the difficult task you had to perform. Thanks to the United Church Women's group for the delicious luncheon following the service. Thanks to all those who provided sustenance this past month.

To Pete, Ivan, Dan and Ray at the arena (Mel's other home away from home) thanks for all the good times you have shown our family and keep up the excellent work in the arena, ball fields and parks. Thanks to Claude and Gail Parish who not only have provided the referees to Minden Minor Hockey but kept schedules intact for the other hockey organizations as well. Our family has enjoyed working with you. To Toni Carr and David Hollows, thanks for helping us with Figure Skating and Power Skating. Mel always said, "Sports will keep kids off the streets."

A special thank you to Brian Mulholland for coming to the funeral home and providing the Haliburton Orioles baseball uniform which accompanied Mel into his next place of the Universe. Your start-up of organized baseball, first through the Haliburton Indians, later to be the officially-sanctioned Haliburton Orioles, was thoroughly enjoyed by all members of our family.

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Editor

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the July 5 meeting of the Canning Lake Property Owners Association at the home of Lois and Ross Rigney, with approximately 120 people present.

Tougher, new environmental standards will cost Snowdon \$30,000, but improved facilities at the Lochlin and Irondale landfill sites will be worth it, reported Ross Rigney, who is Snowdon's reeve.

The sites are being re-organized to look neater and offer a limited opportunity for recycling. Snowdon can't afford to hire a company to take away recyclables, but it is hoping it can sell the metal and cans which are brought in.

In other municipal matters, Rigney says Snowdon hopes to have its tax bills in the mail by the end of July, and has allowed for extra payment periods.

"This is a watershed year," he said, noting that not only has Actual Value Assessment been introduced, driving up the assessments of many waterfront properties, but the province has downloaded many services to the municipal level. Given Snowdon's small size, "it's a tough year on budgeting" and he foresees the need for some form of restructuring. "We clearly have to look at some changes... We cannot afford to be on our own. We shouldn't have to be spending our lives fighting budgets."

Minden report

Anson, Hindon and Minden Reeve Jeanne Anthon said that the biggest impact on taxes will be the need to pay for OPP ser-

vices, which is new for Highlanders. In her municipality, the cost is almost half a million dollars, and although much of that will be covered by a special province grant this year, that grant will quickly disappear.

She's expecting Minden's tax bills to go out in late August after the municipality analyzes on the impact of assessment changes between classes, such as residential and commercial.

Although there have been many changes, municipalities have had little influence over them. It would have been "ideal" to have AVA introduced separately from all the downloading changes so the impact of new assessment would be "transparent" on tax bills. Instead, it will be hard for property taxpayers to know exactly why their taxes went up because there are so many new variables.

Road signs

After talking to a service repair man who spent 45 minutes looking for a neighbour's cottage, Mike O'Driscoll thinks it's time the association takes another look at its numbering system.

When the system was introduced two decades ago, properties were numbered according to which municipality they were in. Therefore, you can have a #85 in red (for Minden) and a #85 in yellow (Snowdon.) If someone goes to the wrong #85 and it's an emergency, O'Driscoll worried the delay could mean the difference between life and death.

He was elected as a new director to help look into the possibilities of improving the number-

ing system.

Water quality

As an association with the longest track record of lake quality testing in the Highlands, Roly Wagg was happy to report that lake quality seems to be improving. "It's moderately enriched on the low side and the phosphorous level is excellent."

He credited improved septic systems as part of the reason, as well as people's growing awareness not to buy phosphate products, such as lawn fertilizer and laundry soap. People who rent out their cottages were strongly reminded to inform guests not to bath in the lake. Irving Green said one bar of soap with phosphate can harm the lake more than five gallons of gas.

"It's not just their water (they're bathing in), it's all of our water," Wagg said.

Phosphate is a nutrient which encourages weed growth, and O'Driscoll noted that the weeds in the Burnt River can sometimes make navigation impossible.

Hwy 35

Sheri Graham, a project engineer with the Ministry of Transportation's North Bay office outlined the improvements which are planned for Hwy 35 in Minden. New lanes will be added for left turns in the core of the by-pass, and there will also be a southbound passing lane as you head up the hill out of the village. The bridge near Horseshoe Lake Road I will also be replaced and widened.

Asked about sidewalks or

bicycle lanes, Graham said that would be the municipality's responsibility.

It's not known when construction, which can be completed in one season, will begin. That depends on the Ministry approving the funding. However, the improvements are part of the Ministry's five-year plan, so it's expected the work will be done within the next five years.

Black mood

Although Snowdon uses calcium chloride as a dust suppressant, Minden uses the less expensive but more controversial Dombind, which angers some members.

One woman complained of not being able to breathe after a recent application of "black liquor" on the roads, and then tracking the sticky goo home to Toronto.

"I don't care what they say about it being non-toxic, we don't deserve it," she said.

Boat noise

The same woman said it's unbearable to spend a holiday weekend at her cottage because of the noise from the boats in the narrows near Bat Lake Road. "We've been coming up for 40 years and it's certainly a lot worse," she said. "You'd be outraged at the amount of noise."

She and her family try to limit weekend visits and get up during the week because of the sound levels. "It's really sad."

Boat safety

Dave Turner was applauded for his efforts in teaching property owners and resort staff the

proper way to drive personal watercraft.

Last summer, Turner organized workshops on boating safety and this year, with the help of Labatts, he's sending packages out to marinas and resorts about the Water Wise code of boating ethics.

For his volunteer efforts, Labatts gave him a PWC, which he plans to sell, with the proceeds donated to a water safety fund for the association. However, upon receiving the PWC, he discovered it was a '95 model with a cracked hull, so he says it might bring in \$2,200 instead of the \$5,000 anticipated.

Membership

With a potential membership base of 282, having 258 paid up members is "a really outstanding response," Irving Green reported.

Of the \$20 annual fee, 15% is dedicated to a sort of legal defence fund in case a development issue arises to which the association is opposed. As well, proceeds from the sale of Canning Lake merchandise go into this fund, which now is \$7,305.

In memorium

"One of the joys of the lake is we seem like a big happy family," Rigney said at the beginning of the meeting, "and like a family, we share good times and sad times."

Since the previous AGM, several of the association's founding members have passed away, and a few moments were spent in remembrance of their contributions and friendships: Larry Anderson, Bill Lithgow, Morgan Loucks, Norma Morris, John Smith, Dorothy Mitchell, Margo Heinsoo and Allie Kaupi.

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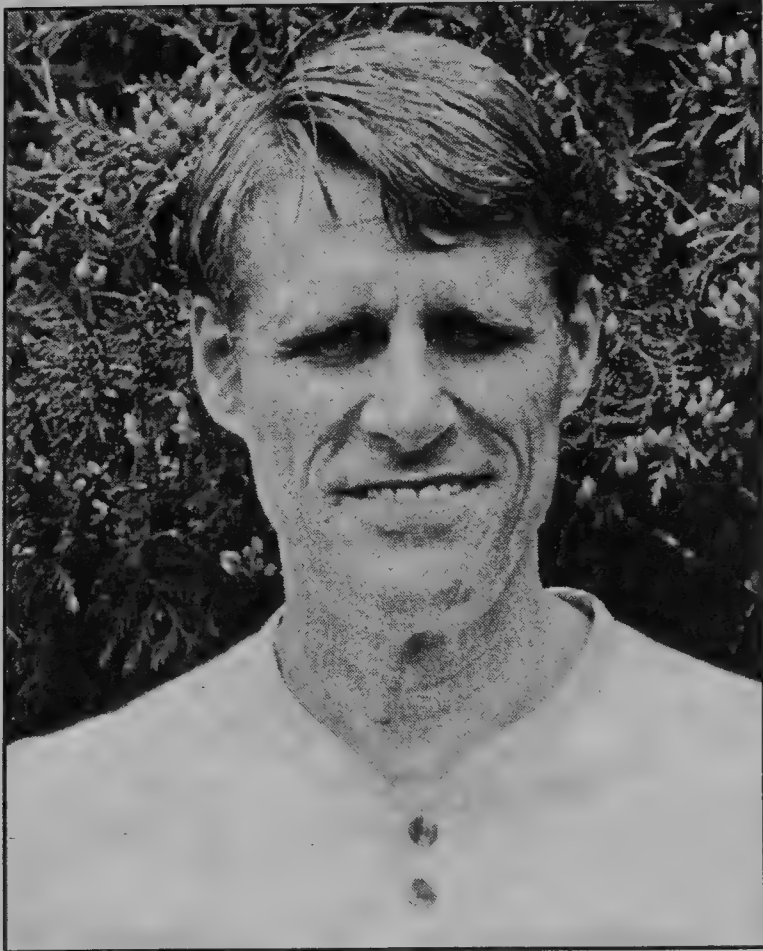
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**FOND MEMORIES:**

Ted Reid, a camper and counsellor at Camp Wanakita in the 1950s and 60s, recently returned to the Koshlong Lake camp for its forty-fifth anniversary celebration to relive his childhood memories.

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Wanakita anniversary social brings back happy campers

DIANNE CHOMA

Staff Reporter

For Ted Reid, returning to YMCA Camp Wanakita for its forty-fifth anniversary brought back a lot of memories.

Reid, a retired teacher from West Guilford, remembers the years he spent as a Wanakita camper in the 1950s and the time he had a little accident on the bus ride up.

Feeling a bit ill from the bumpy ride, Reid threw up in his knapsack on the way to Wanakita in the summer of 1953.

Upon arriving at the camp, Reid stuffed the smelly bag under his bed, and there it remained for his two-week stay.

"My mother made me take it and stick it in the tub under the water. Only then would she take care of it," said Reid.

Fond memories of Camp Wanakita brought Reid back year after year and he became a camp counsellor there in 1960 at the age of 17.

Now recently retired, Reid has returned to the Koshlong Lake camp to marvel at how it has grown and changed over the years.

He recalls how, in 1969, a major change hit Wanakita as girls were allowed into the camp for the first time since the Hamilton-Burlington YMCA opened it in 1953.

"Some of us guys were a little upset at first," said Reid, but he said they started to like the idea once they got used to it.

Another change was the introduction of year-round camping in 1974. The rising interest in outdoor education and active lifestyles in the

1970s made Wanakita a popular spot for school groups and university programs.

Since that time, Wanakita has grown from a 30-acre retreat that drew 300 kids each summer to a 1,000-acre camp visited by 7,000 people a year.

But despite all the changes to the camp over the years, Reid says some things always remain the same.

"Wanakita tends to get into you and stay there. It's the people you remember. That's what keeps people coming back for generations."

Steve Heming, general manager of the camp since 1986, said more than 100,000 people have been to Camp Wanakita in the past 45 years, hundreds of whom came from across Ontario for the first ever Circle of Friends reunion and annual Strawberry Social June 20 and 21.

Heming, who first came to Wanakita as a camper in 1964, said the anniversary party brought together many generations of families who have grown up with Wanakita and then sent their own children to the camp.

"I haven't seen this many people in years. It is a cross range of all eras. All the decades are represented."

Heming said Wanakita has become a very different place to camp in the past few years.

The camp is now partnered with Reach for the Rainbow and other special needs groups to make its facilities accessible to all children.

"We've changed as the different cultures of the community have changed. We've changed with the times and the need, I think successfully. We want to ensure that we're open to all."

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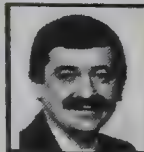
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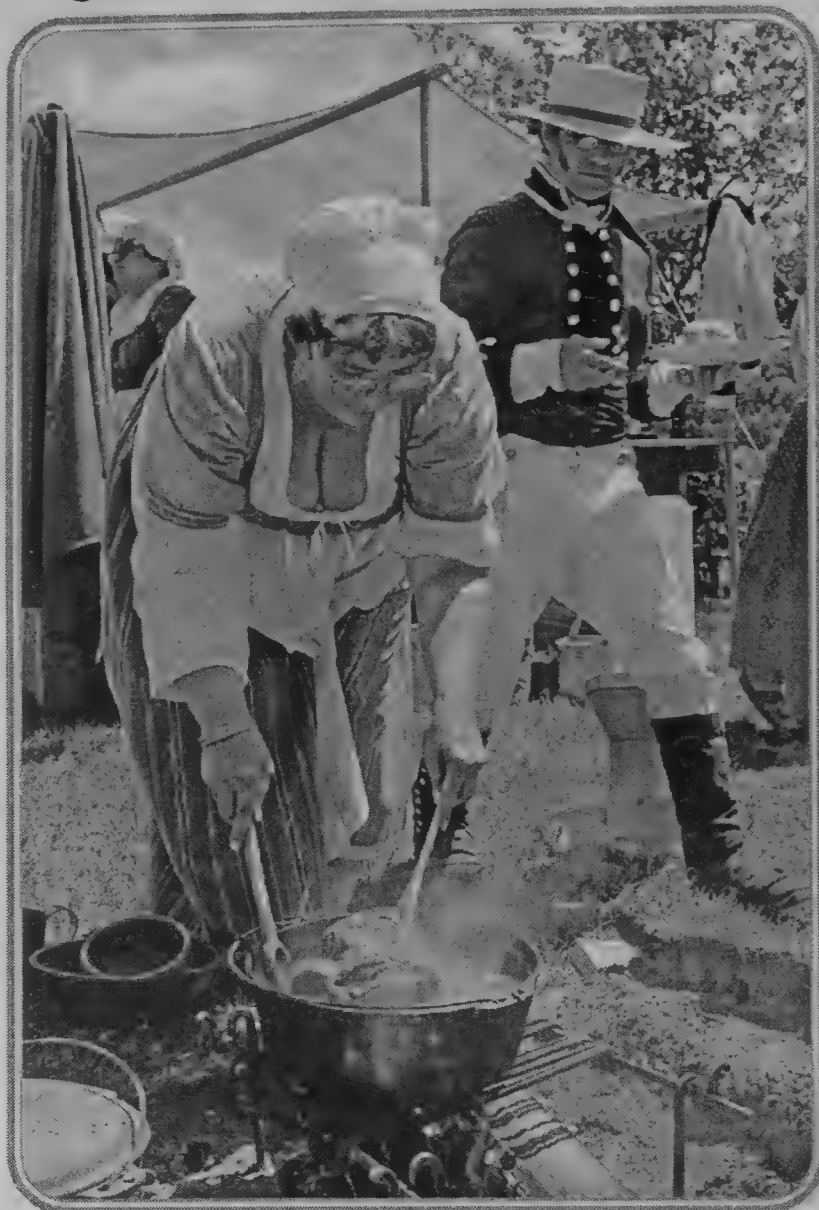
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Scenes from this year's Highland Games at Head Lake Park in Haliburton, clockwise from top: The massed bands give a rousing end to a full day of activities; Cheri Rivard of Minden, at right, competes in the Sword Dance competition by the lake; a young boy does the limbo at the Camp Wanakita games area; organizer Jane Rosenberg presents heavy events champion Harry MacDonald with the trophy (for the eighth time) before he flies off to Finland to represent Canada in the world championship; a young dancer practises; and a young mother watches her husband chop the wood they'll need at the Military Re-enactment Society of Canada's camp site. More photos next page

Photos by MARTHA PERKINS

Highland Games make Scots out of everyone



From far left: Despite the heat of the day, a woman makes a stew on an open fire at the riverside campsite of the Military Re-Enactment Society of Canada; a competitor in heavy events' hammer competition lets fly; two sisters discover Camp Wanakita's three-legged race isn't a shoe-in; and one of the bands passes by in the morning parade down Highland Street

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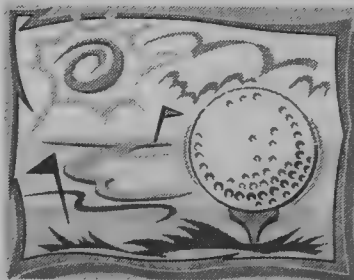
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Highlanders' hidden talents to be sought out and "mapped"

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

When a young person or family moves to the Highlands, it's very easy for them to get known in the community. Through work or their children's involvement in sports and school, they quickly become enmeshed in the county's social fabric.

But what happens when it's a retired couple who moves here? Or someone who got the "golden handshake" in the corporate world and decided to use the money to move to the Highlands? Work doesn't have them meeting new people on a daily basis, and their children are in various corners of the country pursuing their own careers.

Kim Harding is going to spend her summer getting to know these new residents, plus a few old ones as well. She's been hired by Family Services of Haliburton County, through a federal grant in support of the county's strategic planning process, to find out who some of the Highlands' hidden assets are.

"We used to look at assessing the needs of a community and looking for resources to fill them," explains Fay Martin, Family Services' executive director. "Now we take the approach that the glass is half full - what are the strengths of the community instead of what are the problems."

Newcomers are some of the county's strengths, but their talents often go untapped simply because they are new and the community isn't as familiar with their talents.

Harding will be knocking on doors and attending cottage association meetings to

make those talents come to light. At the end of the summer, she will draw up a "map" of the county's human resource assets. This information will be shared with other local organizations, such as county council's strategic planning committee and the Haliburton County Development Corporation, which has an economic development committee.

As well as providing an important information resource, Harding will also be helping newcomers feel part of the community.

"This approach makes people feel good because it gets them in touch with what they can do instead of what they can't, and it's easier to get people in gear who feel good about themselves," says Martin. "People often have a lot to

offer but they don't know how to get connected (to the organizations which could benefit from their expertise)."

She looks within her own organization to find the perfect example. Family Services recently hired a Boshkung Lake cottager with 35 years experience as its new family therapist. "This is an absolutely ace professional who thinks he's died and come to heaven (by moving here permanently)." He'll quickly get connected to the community through work, but how will he find out what other organizations there are here, organizations he may like to become involved with as a volunteer?

One of Harding's strengths is she likes to chat, and chatting is something she'll be doing a lot of over the next few weeks. She grew up here, graduated from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School and this fall will start attending Trent University.

She can be reached at 457-5345 or 286-5106.



Kim Harding will be knocking on doors this summer

community

events calendar

things to do in the Haliburton Highlands

July 14 Registration date for the "Seniors Jubilee" at Roy Thompson Hall, Toronto, on August 20. Call Home Support, 457-2941 or 1-800-567-2941.

July 14 Haliburton School of Fine Arts lecture series, 7:15 p.m., J. D. Hodgson Elementary School in Haliburton, Pearl Sunrise - Art and Culture.

July 15 Flying Squirrels Workshop, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Individuals and families (age 6 and up). For info call 766-2451.

July 15 Haliburton and District Lions Club Mini Boat Race, 7 p.m., Head Lake Park.

July 16 Look, See, Paint! workshop, 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., Leslie M. Frost Centre, R. R. 2, Minden. Info call 766-2451.

July 16 The Art of Lapidary workshop, 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Individuals and families (age 6 and up). Create your own rock art or jewellery, Frost Centre, R.R. 2, Minden. Info call 766-2451.

July 18 Lochlin United Church "Wild Boar Roast", Lochlin Community Centre, County Rd. 1. Reserve early. Seatings at 4, 5, 6 and 7 p.m. Call 286-1765 for tickets.

July 18 Coboconk & District Lions Annual Garage Sale, Lions Community Hall in Coboconk, 8 a.m. Baked goods and refreshments available. For table rentals, please call Sharon at 454-9531 or Gayle at 887-2746.

July 18 Minden Home & Garden Tour, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call (705) 286-1760 for ticket information.

July 18 Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists' Canoe Trip to Poke Lake. Rain date: July 19. Meet in the Jug City parking lot in Carnarvon at 10 a.m. Further info, Sheila Ziman at 754-2532.

July 21 Haliburton School of Fine Arts lecture series, 7:15 p.m., J. D. Hodgson Elementary School in Haliburton, Denis Cliff - Canadian Painters in Review.

July 22 Wheels to Meals, RIP's, West Guilford, 12 noon. For further information, 457-2941 or 1-800-567-2941.

July 23 Haliburton Highlands Twirlers Summer Square Dancing. Basic, Mainstream, Plus at the Haliburton Legion. Call 457-1328.

July 25 Bake & Craft Sale, Fort Irwin Residents Hall, 9 a.m. - ? To raise funds for a new roof on the hall.

July 25 or 26 Free Science Day for kids at the Leslie M. Frost Centre. Run by second and fourth year Trent University Science Students. Call 286-4874.

July 28 Haliburton School of Fine Arts lecture series, 7:15 p.m., J. D. Hodgson Elementary School in Haliburton, Paul Portelli - Fashion Trends From the 18th Century to 1947.

July 29 Wheels to Meals, KEI's, Haliburton, 12 noon. For further information, 457-2941 or 1-800-567-2941.

August 1 Giant Auction Sale starting at 10 a.m. Rain or shine. Our Lady of Fatima Church, Minden. Further info, 488-2222.

August 1 Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve 'Annual Charity Craft Sale and Flea Market', 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Join the fun. Reserve a table. Call Shirley, 754-2198.

August 1 Bobby Curtola Concert and Dance, Minden Community Centre. Tickets \$25 each, with proceeds to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation. Call the Rigneys at 286-1765 for ticket information.

August 4 Haliburton School of Fine Arts lecture series, 7:15 p.m., J. D. Hodgson Elementary School in Haliburton, Allan Foster - Nature Through Legend, Story and Art.

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■ 25 county women make up the second class of grads

Many families, friends, co-workers and employers gathered in Peterborough for the graduation of the Personal Support Worker (PSW) course for Sir Sandford Fleming college.

This past six months, 25 Haliburton County working women went "back to school" to upgrade their Health Care Aide (HCA) and Home Support Worker (HSW) certificates to the new PSW certificate.

An HCA practises mainly in institutions, whereas the HSW practises in the community. The new PSW replaces both, combining and expanding on skills required for both institutional and community health care. Skills include bathing, meal preparation, assistance with mobility, assistance with health management, palliative care, respite relief, and much more. In the near

future, all health care employers will be requiring this new certificate.

The graduates are the employees of the following service providers: Haliburton Highlands Health Services Supportive Housing, Red Cross Paramed, and Kawartha Participation Projects.

The following are the PSW graduates for Haliburton County: Sharon Bacon, Cindy

Boughner, Lydia Comeau, Nancy Cowan, Barbara Croft, Thora Fideau, Christine Horton, Elaine Loucks, Rose-Alma Merritt, Lynne Mumford, Mary Nesbitt, Hannel Walsh, Shirley Warder, Margaret Wood, Cathy Fisher, Donna Kenney, Diane Pratt, Shelly Sills, Laura Barnes, Jane Rogers, Jean Hancock, Brenda Laver, Diane Longmuir, Paula Reid, Jennifer Sisson.



LOCAL GRADUATES:

Above: (left to right) Elaine Loucks, Margaret Murray, Nancy Cowan, Barbara Croft, Mary Nesbitt and Hannel Walsh recently graduated from Sir Sandford Fleming College's Personal Support Worker course.

Left: Jean Hancock (left) and Brenda Laver, both of Haliburton Highlands Supportive Housing Services, also received their certificates

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Eagle Lake church to get new pastor

■ Community welcomes John Byelis

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In church news, Pastor Paul Benson, who has had the double charge of the Eagle Lake Community Church and the West Guilford Baptist church, will, as of January 1, 1999, be full-time pastor of the West Guilford Church.

A year ago John Byelis began a role as Associate Pastor in Eagle Lake. At the semi-annual church meeting on July 9, John was unanimously voted as Eagle Lake's new pastor and he accepted.

We welcome John, Liz and children, Melissa and Jonathon. They already have rapport with local young people.

We cannot accept that pastor Paul and Linda are leaving us

since they still live here and have become a part of Eagle Lake community. It will have to be a weaning process but we anticipate a bright, fulfilling future for both communities and for both families.

Eagle Lake Farms was present at the Haliburton County Horseman's Association '98 Gymkhana Games held at the Minden fair grounds on Sunday, July 5.

Present were three students: Annie Orr riding Bailey; Erica Fearrey riding Lucky; as well as Jenny Chatterton riding Tuffy and Angela Bishop-Reed riding Gracie.

Everyone came home with a ribbon, and had a great time.

Eagle Lake Farms would like to thank Murray Cowen for trailering them down and Tina Gilligan for returning them home safely. Thank you to all the parents and spectators who came out and showed their support.



Photos by Dianne Choma

RHUBARB FESTIVAL:

Hundreds gathered for games and good eats at the annual Eagle Lake Rhubarb Festival Saturday. Above: Alex Kazmirchuk takes the fire truck out for an imaginary spin. Below: Ruth Still, founder of the Rhubarb Festival in 1991, sells delicious rhubarb pies by the roadside. Left: Timothy Trantau braces for a chilly dip in the dunk tank. Bottomright: Avery Verschuren monkeys around on the beach. Bottom left: Sam Daviau goes down the new slide.



The following are the results of the Rhubarb Festival Mini Marathon:

20.17 - Mike Armstrong (First Male);
20.39 - Steve Ferracuti; 21.50 - Marcel Crete; 21.50 - Bob Heyes; 23.14 - Christine Newman (First Female); 23.54 - Kristi Gammon;
23.56 - Sarah Newman; 24.16 - Joel Palme; 24.24 - Norm Bottum; 24.40 - Rob Hill; 24.53 - Barb Elliot; 25.29 - Chad Tkachuk; 25.36 - Alex Pruet; 25.56 - Eva Griffith; 25.57 - Hugh Miller; 26.09 - Robert Burnell; 26.47 - Caitlin Pettit; 27.29 - Ron Reid; 28.54 - Kelley Heyes; 29.06 - Josh Thompson; 30.26 - Terri Bulger; 32.22 - Jody Reid; 32.24 - Toos Reid.

The Rhubarb Run would like to thank Bruce Griffith for donating the plaques, Glen Sharpley Sports and Hill Chiropractic and Physiotherapy for donating the T-shirts, as well as Curry Motors, The Cranberry Cottage and the Rhubarb Festival Committee for donating the draw prizes.



Car wash lets kids support volunteer fire fighters

Once again Moorelands Camp on Kawagama Lake is holding its annual Car Wash, the proceeds going to the Dorset Volunteer Fire Department.

This event will be held on Thursday, July 16 in front of the Dorset Fire Hall from noon to 4 p.m.

So get the dust and dirt off your vehicle and at the same time help our Volunteer Fire Department, and show this bunch of ambitious and generous kids that their efforts to do something for others is appreciated.

ated.

Thursday, July 16 is the date for the Seniors Friendship Luncheon at the Dorset Recreation Centre. There will be another on August 13.

These delicious luncheons have been enjoyed during the winter and spring months, twice a month, and are greatly enjoyed and appreciated by many seniors.

Birthday greetings to Norman McGuire and Colin MacDonald.

It's a big improvement to have the parking lot in the Robinson

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Store business area smoothed over with asphalt, much safer too. I'm sure lines of demarcation will be the next step, showing where the old sidewalk was and where parking starts.

Having walked to the bank

myself for many years, I realize that pedestrians were at risk with cars popping out or sticking out far beyond the walking area. However, it's so great to have a smooth surface that I'm sure all will be well in the future.

I have always maintained that we were fortunate in this area to have such fine medical, dental and hospital facilities at our fingertips in Bracebridge.

Most Dorset people travel to Huntsville for business because of proximity and consequently,

their medical needs are usually taken care of there.

In the very early days when transportation and travel means were different, Bracebridge was the business centre.

Huntsville Hospital held a Tag Day recently and, as has been the case the last couple of years, Dorset was tagged, also.

There would hardly be a person in Dorset who has not used the hospital or had someone who did, at one time or another, and appreciate having such a fine facility for their convenience.

The Hospital Tagging Committee wishes to express its thanks and appreciation for the generosity of donors, whose contributions totalled \$575.

It also wishes to thank the canvassers who tagged during a hot day.

Paul and Nancy Morley organized the tag day and other taggers were Millie McEachern, Ebba Russell, Ted Morris, Judy Chase, Gordon MacKay and Janine Byman. The community also thanks them.

The total amount collected in the tag day was \$6,575, which will be used for much needed equipment for the I.C.U.

The strawberry season is over and seemed to be short. However, the raspberries are in full bloom and from all reports are a good crop.

I am fortunate to have a friend who grows them and presented me with some. Talk about ambrosia or food for the gods, I had it! One wonders how one gets so lucky.

H.H. If you have had someone smoking in a room and the smell of smoke lingers on, wet a bath towel, wring it out and wave it around in the air. It will get rid of most of the smoke. (If anyone sees you they may think you are practising a new dance.)

No one hurt as fire starts in Kennisis Lake attic

DIANNE CHOMA

Staff Reporter

A fire caused by an improperly installed chimney has caused extensive damage to a recently built Kennisis Lake home.

Recent retiree Robert Kruger was burning cardboard in his fire place around 3:45 p.m. Friday when materials in his attic caught on fire.

Dysart et al fire chief Miles Maughan said the attic's rafters were located too close to the chimney and caught on fire when Kruger lit the fire place.

The flames quickly spread throughout the cottage's attic, but were contained by the 16 fire fighters on the scene.

The Wilkinson Drive house was built in 1993 and Kruger had only moved in within the past year.

No one was hurt in the blaze, which took about 2 1/2 hours to extinguish.

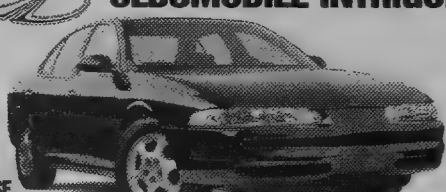
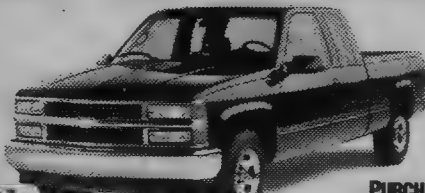
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Senior rewarded for volunteer work

DIANNE CHOMA

Staff Reporter

A Haliburton senior has been honored with a special award for her outstanding contributions to the community.

Mary Packard, 77, received one of 22 Ontario Senior Achievement Awards from Lt.-Gov. Hilary Weston June 24 at Queen's Park.

"I was so nervous, but then when I saw all the other older people, I felt honored," says Mrs. Packard.

Mrs. Packard was a war bride from Scotland, who came to Carnarvon in 1946, a year after she married her husband, Russell.

Since that time, she has devoted endless hours to volunteer service in the county.

While working as a county librarian, Packard was also busy canvassing for the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, and spent more than 20 years as a Scottish country dance instructor.

She spent about a decade doing volunteer work for Meals on Wheels, was a Brownie leader for 12 years and dedicated 15 years to the Red Cross.

Packard, who now lives in Haliburton Village, is still an active volunteer with her church, the Alzheimer Society, the Cancer Society, the Horticulture Society and Extendicare, to which she has given her time since it opened.

Cameron Jackson, Minister Responsible for Seniors, thanked Mrs. Packard for her years of community work at the annual Ontario Senior

Achievement Awards ceremony in Toronto.

"This award is intended to acknowledge the many meaningful things you have contributed to our province. You have made Haliburton and Ontario much better places for your work and your service," he said.

The awards ceremony was the last in a series of activities celebrating June as Seniors' Month.

Packard, who was driven to the ceremony by her daughter, Gwen, and youngest son, Will, said she was pleasantly surprised to find out that her friends had nominated her for the award.

"It makes me feel humble that people think enough of me to put my name in."



Mary Packard, 77, shows off the Ontario Senior Achievement Award she received from Lt.-Gov. Hilary Weston at Queen's Park recently.

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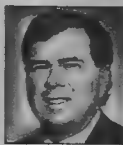
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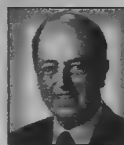
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Retired teacher celebrates 90 years of living

■ *Friends and family gather for birthday tea and music at Hyland Crest*

DIANNE CHOMA

Staff Reporter

Old friends, family and former students gathered at Hyland Crest this weekend to celebrate the ninetieth birthday of Nina Prentice, a woman who devoted 29 years of her life to teaching in Minden.

Prentice, who was born in Lindsay and started teaching in Minden in 1934, was surprised to be led by her daughter into a crowded room Sunday that was filled with people who had turned out to wish her well with hugs, cards and presents.

"It was a wonderful surprise," she said. "Even if I

had known they were having it, I would never have guessed it would be this big."

Ruth Samarillo was among those at the party who were former students of Mrs. Prentice's.

She recalled going to school in the early thirties with Mrs. Prentice as her first teacher in the wooden, three-room building that was then called Minden Public School.

"She was great, just like she is today. She's still great," said Mrs. Samarillo.

And Cameron Brown, one of Mrs. Prentice's Grade 2 students in 1960, remembered the classroom he sat in every day downstairs by the furnace room at Archie Stouffer Elementary School.

At first he was scared, Brown said, of the dingy basement where Mrs. Prentice taught him to read and write. But the inventive teacher turned the room into a secret hiding place for the class, and



90 YEARS YOUNG:

Nina Prentice gathers with family and friends at Hyland Crest for a surprise birthday party she won't soon forget. Many former students of the retired Minden teacher came to wish her well.

the kids soon began to enjoy sneaking in and out of it every day.

"I remember her as a fun teacher," said Brown. "There was certainly nothing scary about her. I really enjoyed the year I had with her."

Basking in the attention

of her guests and reminiscing about old times, Mrs. Prentice said she felt much younger than her 90 years and was keeping herself busy with the different activities put on at Hyland Crest.

"I don't feel like I'm 90. I feel about 50," she said.

Hawaiian lunch gives seniors a taste of tropics

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Our tea party a week ago (July 2) was another scrumptious affair.

A big thank you to the ladies who cleaned and hulled the strawberries, to Linda and Bessie Burke for making the tea biscuits, to Ruth and Jack Worthington for our sing song and last, but not least, thank you to Dick and Sylvia Thompson, Jack and Ruth Foster, and Joan Kernohan for helping out with the serving and singing. A great way to celebrate Canada Day.

The following day we were pleased to have Bert Bonnell here for happy hour.

The weekend brought many visitors to our home. Sunday was the busiest. Needless to say, Nina Prentice was the reason for quite a crowd being here due to the open house in honour of her birthday. Relatives and friends dropped in to help Nina celebrate.

Gord Kidd was here providing some great music and Nina also received two special phone calls. Her nephew phoned from the top of the Empire State Building in New York and her niece phoned from Japan. We are sure that Nina enjoyed her birthday.

Walter and Vera Stevens received special visitors also. Their grandson, along with his wife and

three children, popped in for a visit.

This was a special time as it gave Walter and Vera the opportunity to see their two great grandsons and to get their first look at the newest addition, their eleven-week-old great granddaughter.

Winnie Barnum was also kept hopping with her many visitors, including her niece and great niece.

Also spotted was our friend Barbara, who dropped in for a quick chat. Good to see you Barbara. We look forward to the day when we can sit down and catch up on lots of news.

Things quieted down somewhat after such a busy Sunday. We were pleased to have the Salvation Army join us on Monday. Rev. Shepherd was here for our chapel service on Tuesday. Later that day the craft group met and continued working on decorations for our Hawaiian lunch coming up later this month.

On July 8, Eldon and Lloyd were here to provide us with some entertainment. Our thanks to them. Afterwards we all tucked into some home-made bread and toast. Thanks Linda. (She's our "bread lady").

Before we go, a couple of special messages. First, to Bill. Our thoughts are with you, you are not alone. We care.

And congratulations to Ed and Peggy Pettinger who will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on July 16.



Municipality of Dysart et al NOTICE

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al has by resolution declared a portion of a shoreline road allowance in front of Part of Lot 3, in Concession V, on Kashagawigamog Lake, in the geographic Township of Dysart, in the County of Haliburton, to be surplus.

NOW THEREFORE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al proposed to enact at its regular meeting to be held on Monday, August 10th, 1998, a by-law to close, stop-up and convey part of the said shoreline road allowance in front of Part Lot 3, in Concession V, on Kashagawigamog Lake, in the geographic Township of Dysart, in the County of Haliburton.

WHICH SAID PARCEL or tract of land is illustrated and shown as Part 1, 2, 3 and 4 on a preliminary plan of survey, prepared by Paul Wilson, O.L.S., and dated December 31st, 1997, being available for inspection in the office of the Planning Administrator at the Municipal Office in Haliburton, Ontario.

BEFORE PASSING the said by-law at its meeting to be held as noted above, the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al shall then and there hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his land will be affected by the said by-law.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION is available for review from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular office hours (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday to Friday).

DATED at the Township of Dysart, this 12th day of June, 1998.

Patricia E. Martin
M.C.I.P., R.P.P.
Planning Administrator

ONTARIO GOVERNMENT TENDER

TENDERS #50-98-38 and #50-98-41
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TENDER 50-98-38: Location: Huntsville District
TENDER 50-98-41: Location: Dwight/Dorset Patrols
vicinity of Hwy. 60 & Hwy. 35

Note:

TO: BIDDERS

There have been some significant changes in the tender package from previous years. We strongly suggest that you carefully review all the documents. There will be bidders' meetings to review the changes on the following dates:

When: July 30, 1998

Where: Huntsville, at the Royal Canadian Legion,
36 West St. S.

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Bidders are encouraged to attend the meeting prior to submitting their bids and to bring the contract package with them for review and discussion.

Terms of Agreement

This agreement will be in effect from various days in October 1998 to April 15, 2000.

Note:

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Closing Date and Time: August 12, 1998 at 1:30 p.m. Local Time

Interested bidders must obtain tender documents from CEBRA MERX. Documents received from any other source will be rejected. The Internet address for CEBRA is www.merx.cebraz.com and the phone number is 1-800-964-6379.

For further information on the meeting please contact:
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received at the Municipal Office,
Maple Avenue, Haliburton, no later
than 1:00pm local time, July 31,
1998.

Centuries-old artifacts unveiled at new museum

DIANNE CHOMA

Staff Reporter

The ribbon was cut and the doors were officially opened to the public June 20 at a ceremony outside the new Stanhope Heritage Discovery Museum.

Carol Moffatt, chair of the museum committee, thanked the many volunteers who made the grand opening possible, but said the people who really deserved thanks were those who founded Stanhope in 1861, leaving behind a legacy that the township would now begin to preserve.

"We don't know anything about hard work compared to the settlers who came here 140 years ago. They were the first volunteers this township ever had."

Moffatt began working towards a museum for Stanhope eight years ago when she started collecting old photographs for the Carnarvon restaurant she owned.

It will take another two years to organize and store the more than 10,000 documents dating back to 1866 that the museum committee has been labeling in the municipal

office.

The committee plans to introduce new displays in the museum each year, including a logging display that they hope will be ready for next year.

To add to the items already on display at the museum, Larry Hodgson of the Minden County

Town Museum donated several artifacts belonging to the late Thomas Mason, one of the early settlers of Stanhope.

Hodgson presented Moffatt with a scroll, a 1923 letter written by Mason and the fountain pen he used for his correspondence, a family

Christmas card, a foreign coin from 1700, a 1927 Diamond Jubilee Coin of Canada and an antique watch chain.

Hodgson said the Mason artifacts belonged in Stanhope where the Mason family had lived.

The Lions Clubs of Minden and Haliburton

donated a sign for the museum and MP John O'Reilly donated a framed picture of the queen.

Jock Mavor, former Stanhope reeve, was on hand to view the opening of what was, in 1910, the old council chambers.

As reeve, Mavor had the building moved up from Beech River in 1995 to be turned into Stanhope's first museum.

He said he hoped the

new museum site could someday be made into a heritage park.

Warden Murray Fearrey said the new museum will become more valuable with each passing year and will be a learning tool for future generations.

"If you don't know where you've been, you don't know where you're going. I think there's a lot of truth to that," he said.



GRAND OPENING:

Left to right: Jock Mavor, John O'Reilly, Carol Moffatt, Eleanor Harrison and Murray Fearrey cut the ribbon and open the door to the new Stanhope Heritage Discovery Museum at its recent opening ceremony.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Crushing And Application Of Granular A

The Algonquin Forestry Authority requests proposals for the crushing and application of 6,700 M3 of Granular A in Clyde Township within Algonquin Park.

There will be a mandatory site inspection July 30, 1998.

Written proposals including a price per M3 will be accepted at the Algonquin Forestry Authority, 222 Main Street West, Huntsville, Ont. P1H 1Y1 (or fax (705) 789-3353) before 4:30 p.m., August 6th.

Contact:

Bill Hubbert, Area Supervisor
Larry Rosebrugh, Forest Technician
(705) 789-9647



**Municipality of
Dysart et al**

NOTICE

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al has by resolution declared a portion of a shoreline road allowance in front of Part of Lots 1 and 2, in Concession V, on Kashagawigamog Lake, in the geographic Township of Dysart, in County of Haliburton, to be surplus.

NOW THEREFORE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al proposes to enact at its regular meeting to be held on Monday, August 10th, 1998, a by-law to close, stop-up and convey part of the said shoreline road allowance in front of Part Lots 1 and 2, in Concession V, on Kashagawigamog Lake, in the geographic Township of Dysart, in the County of Haliburton.

WHICH SAID PARCEL or tract of land is illustrated and shown as Part 1 and Part 2 on a preliminary plan of survey, prepared by H. Curry Bishop, O.L.S., and dated April 3rd, 1998, being available for inspection in the office of the Planning Administrator at the Municipal Office in Haliburton, Ontario.

BEFORE PASSING the said by-law at its meeting to be held as noted above, the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al shall then and there hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his land will be affected by the said by-law.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION is available for review from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular office hours (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday to Friday).

DATED at the Township of Dysart, this 12th day of June, 1998.

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FIRSTLY: Township of McClintock, County of Haliburton, being part of the original shore road allowance in front of Lot 16, Concession 6, Township of McClintock, designated as Parts 1 and 2 on Plan 19R-3081; and

SECONDLY: township of McClintock, County of Haliburton, being part of the original shore road allowance in front of Lot 16, Concession 6, Township of McClintock, designated as Part 7 on Plan 19R-6087.

The proposed By-Law will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting at the Council Chambers, Municipal Building, Main Street, Dorset, Ontario, on the 28th day of July, 1998, at the hour of 6:00 o'clock p.m. and at that time the council will hear any person or by his Counsel, Solicitor or Agent any person who claims that his land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard.

DATED: June 09, 1998

Diane J. Griffin,
Clerk-Treasurer,

Corporation of the Township of Sherborne,
McClintock, Livingstone, Lawrence and Nightingale

This original shore road allowance is located in front of Lot 16, Concession 6, Township of McClintock, along the shore of McFadden Lake (also known as Crozier Lake) and upon being closed and stopped up will be sold to owners of land abutting.

Part 1, 19R-3081 - Ministry of Natural Resources;
Part 2, 19R-3081 and Part 7, 19R-6087 - MacLean,
Lawrence and Wedge.

Museum program lets kids live like pioneers

DIANNE CHOMA

Staff Reporter

Far from the distractions of video games and television shows, a group of local kids were learning how to live like the pioneers last week.

Wonder Wise, an educational program for children aged five to nine, kicked off its second season last week at the Haliburton Highlands Museum with a week-long series of workshops on local history and traditional skills.

Fourteen children took part in the Tell Me a Story series of crafts and games set in and amongst old pioneer homes on the museum grounds.

When they arrived on Monday, the children were treated to a tour of the museum and printing press, where they got to try on pioneer costumes and play guessing games with the museum's artifacts.

Each day was spent making crafts the old-fashioned way and listening to stories of pioneer life from books on the his-

tory of the Highlands.

"The story time is wonderful because they're so attentive and they soak it all in. Their imaginations just run wild," said organizer Karen Phipps, who started the program last summer. "The museum is such a great resource. It's a great building to be able to use."

Phipps and museum curator Tom Ballantine were teaching the group how to make wooden baskets out of twigs and metal hooks in the blacksmithing shop on Thursday.

The children also learned how to weave mats, make candles and lanterns and work with wood.

Phipps' second series, the Art of Nature, will be running from July 20 to 24 at the museum.

While the program is already full, Phipps said she hopes to hold more children's workshops next year.

"I'd like to be able to expand and use the facilities more. I'd like to have a program for kids that involves the local talent that we have here."



WONDER WISE:

Program organizer Karen Phipps helps local children make wooden baskets the old-fashioned way with twigs and nails. Phipps taught kids about pioneer life through crafts, stories and games at the Haliburton Highlands Museum last week.

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Crowds gather for strawberry supper

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Decoration Day service on June 28 saw 30 people gathered at Maple Lake United Church cemetery to recognize, with dignity, the lives of those who are buried there.

The occasion began with appropriate tunes by the piper and hymns. The homily was by the Rev. Wilford-Davis and was concluded with lunch and visiting.

The Strawberry Supper at Maple Lake United Church was busy as ever on July 4 with two crowded sittings for the deli-

cious summer repast.

Jim Cowen, son of Bert and Nila Cowen, is now sales representative in the Napanee area. Congratulations from the community, Jim. He may be reached at 3854-6651 at his Centre Street office or at his residence, 354-7385.

At the McConnell's farm on August 9, John Webster, country and western singer of gospel music, will be entertaining at the outdoor festival and corn roast event. Call 754-3034 if you wish to attend.

Pianist Ian Hominick presents a concert on July 19 at the Legion hall in Haliburton at 7:30. Come and enjoy!

Congratulations to Tasha Moore, daughter of Neil and Betty Moore, who is also a graduate of HHSS this year having completed her OACs in January.



SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE:

Last weekend, the Minden Community Centre and Arena was filled with booths for the annual Artisans Festival. Above, Joan and Gerald Irish, right, interest people in their Kinrara folk art. Other booths tempted shoppers with such things as pottery, painting, metal work and antiques.

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Preparations well underway in Wilberforce as the countdown to Country Good Times festival begins

■ The floats are almost ready for this weekend's fun outdoor festivities

Excitement mounts. Only a few days until the Country Good Times Festival begins.

Provisions have been ordered for Sunday's Pancake Breakfast. Lots of practising is going on for the Talent Show. Antique cars are being shined up. United Church folks are baking for the Bake Sale.

And entries for the Good Times Parade are being prepared: family entries, bicycles decorated, floats from businesses, clubs and churches.

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Hilda Clark

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Oh yes, the float! What to do? Will it entertain? How to interpret the "play" in Come and

Play the Country Way theme? Who will ride on it? What to wear?

Parade organizers really appreciate all the time and effort that people put into their parade entries. And, yes, there is still time to take part.

Do visit the Lloyd Watson Centre this Saturday and Sunday for various activities including some demonstrations

of arts and crafts.

The Heritage Guild will have next year's quilt there for quilters to work on.

Put your thimble and favourite needle in your purse and take a little break from all the other Country Good Times fun for a quiet time at the quilt.

The Legion's Harold Floden Fish Derby was held recently. Among the winning fish were: First place: small mouth Bass, 20 inches long, weighed-in at 1.845 kg., caught by Brandon Bowman and Ken Ablett.

Second place: total weight of six fish, 5.795 kg., caught by Daryl Winder and Steve Coumbs.

The Legion appreciates the support of the Wilberforce Esso, Rick Jones, IGA, Agnew's, All Star Cafe, Bowes and Cocks, Hilary's Trim and Flooring, Northern Dynasty, Richard Young, Kinmount Firewood, and Brigit Floden.

The Economic Diversification Committee's July meeting, held at the Lloyd Watson Hall on July 9, was chaired by Andy Campbell.

Guest speaker Greg Brown contributed well on the evening's topic: Wood Based Industries.

Attending from the Monmouth Council were Jim Deterling, Hilda Clark and Rick Forger.

Best wishes to newlyweds Barb Taylor and Tim Davies, who were married at St. George's on July 11.

The reception was held at the Lloyd Watson Hall. A wonderful day with much love, affection and good wishes from family and friends for this fine couple.

The Second Annual Croquet Tournament and Afternoon Tea is to be held at the Outpost Museum on Tuesday, July 21.

Croquet begins at 1:00 p.m. and tea will be served from 2:00 p.m. There is a minimal fee.

Do come for tea even if the croquet is too challenging.

We expect last year's champions, Pat and Gary Collins, Vic Matthews and Ross Agnew to be there to defend their titles.

Best wishes to Matthew and Lisa Herder who were wed on July 11 in an outdoor ceremony beside Dark Lake at the summer Herder residence on Pine Drive.

Swimming lessons at Wilbermere Lake are proving popular again this year.

Instructor Teralyn Stamp and assistant Meghan Agnew have implemented a new system of two two-week sessions of lessons.

Participants can complete work for a badge in the first session, then sign up for a second round of lessons.

If someone doesn't quite complete the requirements in the first two weeks he/she may come back free in the second session.

The second session began on July 13. If you hurry you just might get okayed for part of the last session.

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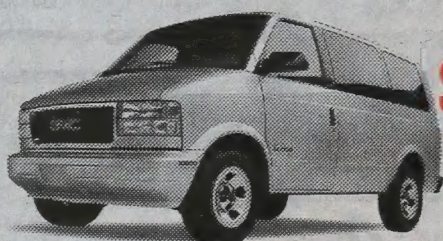
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